(3) Duty drawback at the rate of 3 per cent of f.o.b. value has, been allowed.

(4) Export., of carpets will be eligib'e for CCS at the rate of 8 to 18 per cent in place of 7 to 17 per cent depending upon the f.o.b. value per sq.m. of carpets.

Bank Loans to the Weaker Sections

1944. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce' some new schemes to pro vide bank loans to the weaker sections in the rural and urban areas and also to small farmers during the Seventh Five Year Plan period to tackle pov erty;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what amount of funds 'nave been earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government propose to introduce a new scheme for providing self-employment to the urban poor in metropolitan/urban ind semi-unban areas. There is no proposal to start a new scheme for the weaker sections of the rural areas in the country as there are a number of poverty alleviation programmes already in operation in such areas.

(b) i The full operational details of the new scheme for urban poor are being worked out and the scheme would be launched shortly.

Stenography in ITIS

1945. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi and English Stenography is being taught in the ITIS throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the name of the ITIs which are imparting training in English and Hindi Stenography, separately in various States /Union Territories;

(c) what are the names of the institutions/Vocational institutions imparting training in these subjects, which are affiliated to the DGE&T Ministry of Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir, training in these two trades is being imparted under the Craftsmen Training Scheme in the ITIS in most of the States/U.T=. in the country.

(b) The day-to-day administration of I.T.Is, establishment of new I.T.Is/trades and implementation of Craftsmen Training, Scheme in them rests with the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration, An upto date list of all such ITIS hi which training is being imparted in English/Hindi Stenography is. therefore, available with them.

(c) The names of ITIs (Government and private) where training is imparted in these trades and which are affiliated/for which affiliation has been sought to NCVT are furnished in. the list. [See Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 107.]

Penalty cases pending under the Income-Tax Act

1946. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of penalty cases pending under different sections (e.g. 273-A) of the Income Tax Act as on 31st July, 1986;

(b) what is the number of cases in which Commissioners of Income Tax have exempted penalty on assessment involving a sum of (D Rs- 10 lakhs

and above (ii) Rs. 20 lakhs and above and (iii) Rs. 50 lakhs and above during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the number of persons in whose case the penalty has been waived; and

(d) what are the reasons fop waiving the penalty amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being: collected and wil] b_e bid on the Table of the House.

Notices served on Commissioners of Income Tax under Rule 56

1947. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMAR JIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the number of Income Tax Commissioners who have been served with notices under Ru'e 56(j) of the service rules during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY' OF FINANCE CSHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): 7 Commissioners of Income Tax were served with notices under Rule 56 (j) of the Fundamental Rules, during the last one year.

Income-tax Cases pending in Courts

1948. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR.
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax cases which are at present pending in various High Courts and i_n the Supreme Court a_s on 31st July, 1986; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) On the basis of information available in the Ministry of Finance, the number of cases relating to direct taxes pending on 31-3-86 is as under;

Supreme Court	.	3435
High Courts	.	38147

(b) The Chief Justice of India and the Chief $Justice_s$ of various High $Court_s$ have been requested to con. stitute Tax $Benche_s$ o_n a continuing basis and to hear o_n priority basis issues which recur in number of cases. Cases have been bunchd issue-wise for this purpose.

Money collected under th_e Amnesty Scheme

1949. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money collected by Government under the amnesty scheme declared in the matter of income tax during th_e last year;

(b) what is the number of asses-sees who availed of thi^ facility; and

(c) what benefit will accrue to Government by extending tha scheme upto September, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Statistics are not being maintained by the Government to show the amount of money collected under the amnesty scheme and the number of assessees who availed of this facility.